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Memorandum to Files

From: Glen Miller

Subject: Tract Inspection, U-a/U-b - Monitoring well, mining, supply wells

## Personnel Present

J. Godlove	- U-a/U-b	M. Deneen	- MMS
S. Munson	- U-a/U-b	G. Miller	- MMS
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## ACTIVITIES:

Construction: Water supply wells under construction in alluvium on White River. One well drilled and being gravel packed. Dozer operator clearing brush in unauthorized area was stopped by WROSC. WROSC wished to change location of one supply well from approved plan. The site was satisfactory and Mr. Godlove was assured approval would be no problem, verbal approval if time is a problem.

Mining: Mining machine is in intermittent operation in 28' x 12' decline, about 50' below adit on 15 degree slope. Cutter appears to handle Uinta sandstone very well, leaves smooth back and ribs. Rock-bolting completed to mining machine position. Dust control on cutter head not as good as desired, WROSC is experimenting with better system to sweep face.

Environmental: Located initial monitoring test hole below retention pond dam site. Well to be drilled soon, using air methods, to projected T.D. of 250'±.

Items of Concern: Proposed location of one supply well reportedly changed by WROSC from approved location (see Drawing D-70-CE-1). Discussed field sites with Mr. Godlove, tentative approval given to new site, pending WROSC submittal of revised plan and map to MMS.

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Condition of Noncompliance: (1) An area on White River flood plain at supply well site cleaned of vegetation. This area is not in the approved site plan, and will need to be reclaimed; (2) Water well not drilled and completed per original plan. Well screened in Uinta Formation, not in alluvium of White River. Well reportedly is 50' deep, not the planned 30' deep. This may well cause lower yield than projected and the future need for additional wells.

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